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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Gary B. Nickol
Group Art Unit : 1642
Applicant : Ugo Ripamonti, et al.
Application No. : 09/540,466
Confirmation No.: 2489
Filed : March 31, 2000
For : METHODS FOR INDUCING ANGIOGENESIS
USING MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS AND
STIMULATORY FACTORS

New York, New York
May 20, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the December 18, 2001
Office Action in the above-identified application.
Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.17(a)(2) to extend the time for replying to the
Office Action for a period of two months up to and
including May 20, 2002 (May 18, 2002 being a Saturday).

Kindly amend the application as follows*:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice.

* An "Appendix of Claim Amendments" is enclosed at Tab A showing the amendments to the claims. In the Appendix, the added portion is underscored and the deleted portion is bracketed.